

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of: ) Examiner: Julian W. Woo  
Edward B. Dakin et al. )  
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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. Changes are shown with deletions being designated by strike-through or double-brackets and insertion of new language being underlined.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.